

# **EXHIBIT 7**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
SEATTLE DIVISION

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 FIRS HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
 )  
 vs. ) C19-1130RSL  
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 CITY OF SEATAC, )  
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 Defendants. )

Videoconference Deposition Upon Oral Examination  
of  
ERIN SITTERLEY

9:30 AM

October 8, 2020

SeaTac, Washington  
(All participants appeared via videoconference.)

Leslie M. Sherman, RMR, CRR  
CSR 2629

1 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. I think the  
2 witness was still answering. The city manager works  
3 for the council --

4 THE WITNESS: Yes. The city council -- the  
5 city manager works for the council. The city manager  
6 does not work for the mayor specifically.

7 BY MR. PLANT:

8 Q. All right. So do you understand your power  
9 as mayor to be -- to include directing the city  
10 manager to do things or take positions?

11 A. No. That is not my position at all.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. Only the council can do that.

14 Q. Let me ask you specifically, you were on the  
15 council in 2016, is that correct?

16 A. Correct, yes.

17 Q. Did the city council ever direct the city  
18 manager to take any action in relation to the Firs  
19 Mobile Home Park?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Do you recall that the city council ever  
22 discussed in any way the Firs Mobile Home Park?

23 A. No. We did not.

24 Q. Did you have any personal discussions with  
25 any other city council members about the Firs Mobile

1 Home Park?

2 A. No.

3 Q. I think there was also a question by  
4 plaintiff's counsel, if you are aware of instances  
5 where city staff did something against the wishes of  
6 the city council. Do you recall that question?

7 A. I do.

8 Q. Okay. Are there occasions where city staff  
9 is doing things that city council is not aware of?

10 A. Well, gosh, I would hope so, you know. The  
11 city is a very complex machine. Hundreds of decisions  
12 are made every single day that are not run past the  
13 city council. We direct at a policy level. We do not  
14 direct at an operations level.

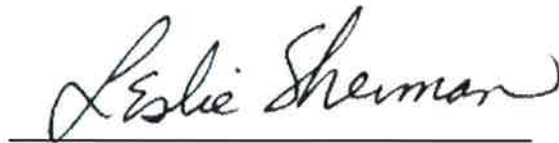
15 So, if the City staff are doing their job,  
16 then, yeah, lots of things are going on without the  
17 city council's direct knowledge. But that's not our  
18 job. Our job is to direct at policy level.

19 Q. Right. So I'm going to turn specifically to  
20 the Firs Mobile Home Park issue here. So this was an  
21 administrative land use application that was filed  
22 with the city by the park owner, or the owner of the  
23 park property. Is that your understanding?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. So that would normally be processed

## 1 CERTIFICATE

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6 I, Leslie M. Sherman, a Certified Shorthand  
7 Reporter in and for the State of Washington, do hereby  
8 certify that the foregoing transcript of the  
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10 having been duly sworn on October 8, 2020, is true and  
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